

REMARKS

Claims 1-25 are pending and under consideration.

The Office Action rejects claims 1-25 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Buckland (U.S.P. 5,999,971) in view of Iwayama et al. (U.S.Pub. 2002/0120503).

Applicants respectfully point out to the Examiner that Iwayama is not prior art under §103(a) since the present application and Iwayama were at the time of invention of the present application both commonly owned by Fujitsu Limited.

As such Iwayama is not available as a §103(a) reference in support of the rejection.

As provided in MPEP §2143.03 "To establish *prima facie* obviousness of a claimed invention, all the claim limitations must be taught or suggested by the prior art. In re Royka, 490 F. 2d 1981, (CCPA 1974)."

The Action concedes that features recited in each of the independent claims are not taught by Buckland, the primary art relied on by the Examiner. (See, for example, the Office Action at pages 3, 7, 9, 12, 15, and 21).

The Action further indicates that the recited features are only obvious in view of Iwayama, which is not prior art under §103(a).

Applicants also point out that in rejecting independent claim 25, the Examiner mistakenly contends that Buckland teaches a central apparatus that "extracts the headline information and the storage location information based on identification information and the registered authorized user information." (Action at page 25).

However, in discussing the §103 rejection of claim 14 and 18 the Examiner correctly indicates that Buckland "does not teach extracting the headline information and the storage location information based on identification information and the registered authorized user information." (Emphasis added. Action at pages 21 and 23).

Since features recited by claims 1-25 are not taught by the prior art, i.e., Buckland, and *prima facie* obviousness is not established, the rejection should be withdrawn and claims 1-25 allowed.

CONCLUSION

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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